

**LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMHAIRLE BHUIRG LÉIM AN MHADAIDH**

**MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
4 AUGUST 2009**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 8.15 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

In the Chair: Councillor Ó hOisín.

Aldermen M Coyle, J Rankin and G Robinson. Councillors P Butcher, M Carten, B Chivers, L Cubitt, M Donaghy, B Douglas, G Mullan, J F McElhinney and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk and the Chief Executive.

APOLOGIES: - Councillors A Brolly and A Robinson.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting held 2 June 2009 were approved and signed on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.

MATTERS ARISING: - None.

MINUTES OF AGM:

The minutes of the AGM held 1 June 2009 were approved on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Chivers.

MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE:

The minutes of Audit Committee meeting held 12 March 2009 were tabled and noted. The work carried out by members of the Audit Committee was applauded.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT – AUGUST 2009:

Loan Sanction Approvals: It was agreed that loan sanction approval would be sought for the following projects:

- provision of a fitness suite or spin studio at Dungiven Sports Pavilion - £50,000
- upgrade of pitches at Roe Mill - £219,000
- upgrade of Curragh Road pitches - £200,000

RPA Update:

- **Voluntary Transition Committee:** Members were tabled minutes of Causeway Coast & Glens District Council Voluntary Transition Committee meeting held 28 May 2009.
- **Loan Sanction Approvals:** Members were circulated letter from DOE clarifying the need for the Voluntary Transition Committee to be kept informed of loan sanction approvals being sought across the four Councils.

- **PWC Report:** Members were informed that phase 1 of the PriceWaterhouseCoopers report on Local Government Reorganisation, which looked at service delivery of the new Councils and making recommendations for operating models had been forwarded to the Strategic Leadership Board for consideration.
- **Regional Transition Co-ordinating Group:** The summary of key action points from Regional Transition Co-ordinating Group meeting held 11 June 2009 as issued by Joint Communication Secretariat of the DOE and NILGA were noted. It was also noted that the planning reform proposals were now out for consultation until 2 October 2009.
- **Local Government Reform Joint Forum:** Members were advised that a Joint Forum had been established to facilitate consultation and negotiations between Employer and Employee representatives on a range of HR related issues resulting from the creation of the new Councils.

Tendering Process – Magilligan/Greencastle Ferry: *IN COMMITTEE.* It was agreed that the existing tendering negotiations for the ferry service would be drawn to a close; a new tendering process be entered into seeking a minimum of a seasonal ferry service and that the Interreg IVA Rural Development theme be explored in detail, with a view to submitting an application for consideration. ***OUT OF COMMITTEE.***

North East PEACE III Partnership Agreement: The North East PEACE III Partnership Agreement was approved on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Carten.

Equality Commission Annual Progress Report: The Annual Report to the Equality Commission on Section 75 of the NI Act 1998 and Section 49A of the Disability Discrimination Order 2006 was approved by members.

Danny Boy Sub Committee: It was agreed that Alderman Coyle would replace Alderman Rankin on the Danny Boy Sub Committee.

Nominations to the Board of the Northern Ireland Museums Council: Councillor Mullan was nominated to the Board of the Northern Ireland Museums Council on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Carten.

Children in Northern Ireland (CiNI): It was agreed that Council would become a member of CiNI at a cost of £250 for full membership.

Notice of Listing of Building of Special Architectural or Historic Interest: Council had no comment to make on the listing of building at 31 Birren Road, Dungiven.

Presentations to Council: It was agreed that the NI Housing Executive would present their District Housing Plan to Council at the Planning & Services meeting on 15 September 2009. It was also agreed that Co-operation and Working Together (CAWT) Cross Border Health & Social Care partnership would update members on 12 large scale projects at the Monthly meeting on 1 September 2009.

EXTERNAL MINUTES – NOTED:

- Report of Western Group Environmental Health Committee - 10 March 2009
- Western Health & Social Care Trust – 7 May 2009

CONSULTATIONS:

It was agreed that the Corporate Policy Officer would respond on Council's behalf to the following consultation documents:

- ◆ DETI – Proposals for an Unsolicited Services (Trade and Business Directories) Bill: Response 28 August 2009.
- ◆ Department for Employment and Learning – Disputes in the Workplace, A Systems Review: Response 4 September 2009
- ◆ DoE – Draft Private Water Supplies Regulations (NI) 2009: Response 9 September 2009.
- ◆ Loughs Agency – Proposed Regulations for the Conservation and Protection of Smelt, Shad and Lamprey: Response 8 September 2009.
- ◆ Loughs Agency – Proposed Amendments to Foyle Area and Carlingford Area (Angling) (Amendment No 2) Regulations 2009: 8 September 2009
- ◆ DRD – Draft Rathlin Island Policy: Response 18 September 2009.
- ◆ NI Office – Keeping the Right People on the DNA Database: Response 7 August 2009.
- ◆ Doe – Graduated Fixed Penalties, Financial Penalty Deposit and Immobilisation Schemes: Response 30 September 2009.
- ◆ Dawn Purvis, MLA – Consultation on Private Members Bill to End Dual Mandates: Response 16 September 2009.
- ◆ Commission for Victims and Survivors – Commission for Victims and Survivors – Draft Strategic Plan 2009-2011. Response 18 September 2009.
- ◆ DoE – Retrofitting of Mirrors on Heavy Goods Vehicles: Response 7 September 2009.
- ◆ Department for Employment and Learning – Amendments to the Conduct of Employment Businesses Regulations (NI) 2005: Response 28 September 2009.
- ◆ Doe – The Draft Local Government (Finance) Bill: Response 31 October 2009.

COURSES/CONFERENCES: - None.

SEAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Butcher that the Indenture (Wayleave) between Limavady Borough Council and the Grantees of Limavady Cricket & Rugby club would be signed and sealed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Members were informed that a public meeting with Planning Service would take place at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 12 August 2009 to discuss measures to fast track applications submitted under the Rural Development Programme.
- It was agreed that members would be updated on townland name signs at the August 2009 Environmental Services meeting.
- Following a request for letter of support for removal of nets in Lough Foyle, it was agreed that the Roe Anglers Association would be asked to present details of problems with the nets and the impact this had on the River Roe.
- Reference was made to the sale of illegal fuel in Dungiven. Members were of the opinion that there was a need to target the fuel operator rather than the owner of the property from which the fuel had been sold.
- A member raised a query about a request to fly a flag on Armed Forces Day but not brought before Council. He was informed that this had not been progressed as Council had a policy not to fly flags.

- The attack on a senior citizen in Dungiven by those wearing hoods was condemned.
- Members were reminded that a second workshop to review Standing Orders had been arranged for 2.30 pm on 6 August 2009.

FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:

- RSPB – Conservation Planner Spring 2009 Issue 30
- CR Matters – Spring/Summer 2009
- Equality Commission – Harassment & Bullying in the Workplace
- Northern Ireland Museums Council – Learning within Museums in Northern Ireland
- Housing Executive – Northern Ireland Houses in Multiple Occupation Strategy 2009
- Equality Commission Publications: Eliminating Sexual Orientation Discrimination in Northern Ireland: Sector specific short guides in the areas of Education, Health and Social Care, Hospitality, Housing and Financial.
- Unison – Time for a Change, a comparative research report
- The Planning and Water Appeals Commissions – Chief Commissioner’s Annual Report April 2008 to March 2009
- Northern Ireland Ombudsman – Annual Report
- Community Health & Social Care, Solutions for Long Term Conditions
- Equality Commission – Outlining Minimum Standards for Traveller Accommodation – research undertaken by the Chartered Institute of Housing and the University of Ulster, March 2009
- Equality Commission – Equality Awareness Survey 2008
- Housing Executive – Housing and Health Review and Action Plan 2008/11
- NICENT – The Celebration Report 2007-09
- Environment Link – Sustainable Transport Report
- Telecare Services Association – Telecare and Telehealth in Action
- The Water Supply (Water Quality) (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2009 – Final Report on Proposed Water Supply (Amendment) Regulations Northern Ireland 2009
- Public Transport – on the right track? A Consumer Council Summary Report into attitudes to public transport in Northern Ireland
- Local Government Information Unit – Carbon Trading Councils Taking Stock
- Northern Ireland Water – Drinking Water Quality Annual Report 2008

NEXT MEETING: - 1 September 2009.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 9.40 pm)

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting